

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/750,255

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment of 3/2/06 and the Terminal Disclaimer of 3/23/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4 and 13-14 (renumbered as claimed 1-5, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/23/2006.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-5 and 13-14 are allowed.

As per claims 2-5 and 13-14, specifically independent claims 2, 13 and 14, the prior art fails to teach a system for programming a clinical device to deliver medication to a patient comprising a feature wherein the identity of a patient is obtained passively, and wherein the identification data is input to a first processor so as to be compared to stored identification data, by the first processor, which is stored in the memory of the first processor, and wherein upon an acceptable comparison, the first processor downloads operating parameters to a second processor for programming the clinical of the patient is also determined and this information, along with identification of the patient and the downloaded clinical operating parameters are stored in an electronic medical administration record, in combination with the other claimed features and or limitations as claimed.

It is noted that upon further consideration, with respect to the Parent Application, now U.S. Patent No. 5,781,442, the Examiner thought it appropriate to make a Non-Statutory Obvious type Double Patenting Rejection, and since this appeared to be the only contention that would prevent the pending invention from being patented, the Examiner felt that it was in the interest of compact prosecution to personally call the Attorney of record, Mr. John K. Fitzgerald, to discuss whether a Terminal Disclaimer would be acceptable in order to expedite prosecution so as to place the application in proper condition for allowance. A brief summary of the Interview is enclosed herein, and since there do not appear to be any other outstanding issues, and since the claims now appear, upon further amendments by the Applicant, to be novel with respect to the prior art of record, the instant application is believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald D. Hartman Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3684. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 11:00 - 8:30 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on (571) 272-3687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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